SECRETARY'S REPORT

As Secretary of the American Hibiscus Society, associated with the Indian River Chapter, I have attended the board meetings at Orlando in November 1958 and February 1959, have taken the minutes of the meetings, written them up and sent them to the Executive Secretary for mimeographing. Also, I have attended the annual convention in June at Orlando in 1959 for the same purpose.

It has been a pleasure to be associated with the officers, directors and members of this organization and I have enjoyed my contact with them as well as the work connected with the position as secretary.

Jeanne Dewey
Recording Secretary

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The routine business of the office was handled as soon as received.

At the last count there were over 300 paid up members in the Society. There are over 250 members whose dues are in arrears. An effort will be made to get these paid up.

Of the members there are 20 foreign members ranging from all parts of the world. There are members from British West Indies, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands. Panama, Hawaii, Canal Zone, Trinidad, Africa, Netherlands Antilles and the Netherlands West Indies. Also there has been an inquiry as to the possibility of a chapter being organized in the Netherlands Antilles. Work is being done on this.

The Executive Secretary carries no cash on hand. All bills are paid through the Treasurer.

James E. Monroe
Executive Secretary

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We would like to hear from the members about what to publish in the Seed Pod. We welcome your suggestions and/or criticism.

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NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Members:

W. Bruce Parnell,	Co-Chm.	Eric Golby	
B. L. Barling,	Co-Chm.	Bill Cutler	
Ralph Philo		Mrs. Tom Hudson	
L. K. Thompson		J. L. Sparkman	

Early last summer due to the dire need of a revised Nomenclature list a new issue was published which was a material improvement over the original list and most varieties were completely redescribed. This was the result of approximately 18 months previous work. The new issue met with great acclaim but was not to the complete satisfaction of your nomenclature committee. As you know this work can go on indefinately and never catch up with listing of new species and elimination of obsolete varieties.

At a special all day meeting at Bartow in January of the Nomenclature Committee we agreed to reduce the present book for the next issue by approximately 50% to remove varieties, lost by freeze out, not commercially available, or not meeting the present standards of quality. A listing of these were published in the '59 Summer issue of the Seed Pod. When the present issue of the revised nomenclature book is exausted the new book will be printed plus the new and reactivated varieties. Thiw entire group has been carefully considered by your committee, each variety on its own merits.

Beliving that the standards should be raised for new listings and registrations for approval by the nomenclature committee we have set up a form of bloom types for nomenclature identification also published in the last issue of Seed Pod. We have also set up for your approval at this meeting a valuation chart to be followed with a minimum value count to be met before a final consideration of acceptance.

Other pertinant points approved at the nomenclature meeting and passed at the last quarterly meeting are as follows:

1. An unlisted Hibiscus can be carried as a seedling for one year. After the first year this